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Title:

**TROCAR HAVING AN INFLATABLE CUFF FOR MAINTAINING AN INSUFFLATED ABDOMINAL CAVITY  
DURING AN OPEN LAPAROSCOPY PROCEDURE**

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